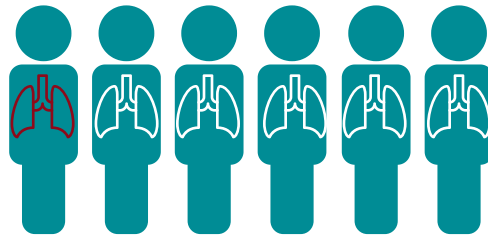


Black Missourians and Asthma Inequity

Health inequities are differences in health status or in the distribution of health resources between different population groups, arising from the social conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. Health inequities are unfair and could be reduced by the right mix of government policies.

1 in 6 Black Missourians have Asthma



Black Missourians are more likely to suffer from severe asthma and die from asthma compared to White Missourians



**7x
higher**

emergency room
visits



**6x
higher**

hospitalizations



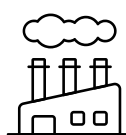
**3x
higher**

death rate
from asthma

What causes health inequities in asthma?



**Racism, classism, and
discrimination in policies
that disadvantage certain
groups of people.**



**Pollution in the
environment that makes
asthma symptoms worse.**

And poor access to:



**healthy and
affordable
housing**



**quality
food
choices**



**healthy schools
and quality
education**



**quality
health
care**



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